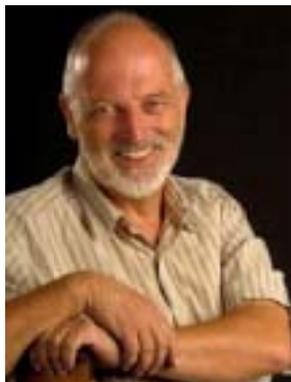


News from West Winds in Buckden at the heart of the Yorkshire Dales

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Yorkshire artist is ready to show how to paint the perfect watercolour



Les Packham MBE, one of Yorkshire's most accomplished and best known artists, will be **demonstrating his watercolour skills** at the weekend at West Winds, amidst the beautiful Dales scenery he so loves to paint.

West Winds will be playing host to the Wakefield artist on **Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July 2011**, from 12.30pm to 6pm. Les will be painting a scene in the tea-garden at West Winds, providing a chance for visitors to be in the picture themselves! He will be explaining how he creates his much loved watercolours and also signing copies of his exhibition book, *Yorkshire in Watercolour*.

Les Packham is a regular visitor to the tearoom and says: "Buckden is one of my favourite places in the Yorkshire Dales – I see a painting around every corner." He is a keen supporter of Yorkshire artists and the organiser of the Art Show for the Great Yorkshire Show, which promotes the best of Yorkshire art. He is listed in *Who's Who in Art*, he regularly conducts workshops for art societies and organisations, and he has exhibited in prestigious galleries in Yorkshire, London and the USA. Les lives near Wakefield with his wife Judith and his rescued Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Bronte.

Yorkshire in Watercolour is a journey through Yorkshire, from the Pennines to the coast, over the North Yorkshire Moors and through the Wolds to the industrial south of the region. It contains over 60 watercolours with a personal note from Les on each one. It is available in both paperback (£14.99) and hardback (£19.99). Copies can be reserved by calling West Winds on 01756 760883.

For more details visit www.westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk/tearooms.asp

Dialect fortnight approaches – Yorksher crud chissocks is back!



Yes indeed, it's time to give the cakes their proper Yorkshire names (Yorksher crud chissocks is Yorkshire curd tart) and prepare to welcome you to West Winds to rediscover the fascinating language that is traditional Yorkshire dialect.

West Winds Yorkshire Dialect Fortnight runs this year from **Saturday 30 July to Sunday 14 August 2011**, marking **Yorkshire Day** on 1 August. During this special event, you will be able to order food and drink from a menu written in dialect (with translations), find out about the origins and history of the dialects of the North, West and East Ridings, take a crash course in speaking dialect and even buy a Yorkshire flag to take home.

The picture shows the famous Hovis bread advert scene, often assumed to be the epitome of old Yorkshire. The advert was, in fact, filmed in Shaftsbury in Dorset but in any case there is no reason to think of Yorkshire dialect as simply a historical curiosity with no relevance today. Gone are the days when regional accents and dialects were stamped out in schools and excluded from radio and television. Yorkshire dialect is a living language with many fluent and partial speakers.

So, come along and celebrate a true part of Yorkshire culture as well as heritage. The tearooms will be open daily, except Monday and Tuesday, from 12.30pm to 6pm.

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Iconic author Bill Mitchell set to come to West Winds



There is probably no-one who knows as much about Yorkshire tradition and history – particularly that of the Dales – as **Bill Mitchell MBE**. He was Editor of the Dalesman for countless years and has written up to 200 books, many of them focusing on Yorkshire life in bygone times.

Bill Mitchell is an extraordinary mine of knowledge about Yorkshire and an entertaining raconteur of stories from what is now largely a lost era – times when a young vet called Alf White was driving from farm to farm in a rattling old Austin with dubious brakes, and an undiscovered Hannah Hauxwell lived alone in a draughty Teesdale farmhouse without electricity, phone or running water. During a century when so much has taken place in Yorkshire history, Bill, now in his 80s, gives the impression of either being there when it happened or knowing the people who were. His many iconic friends have included fell-walker Alfred Wainwright and Countdown presenter Richard Whiteley.

Bill will be coming to West Winds on **Sunday 7 August 2011** to read extracts from some of his books and sign copies. His visit coincides with Yorkshire Dialect Fortnight at West Winds.

For more information about Bill Mitchell and his books, visit <http://settledownbooks.co.uk/local-authors/w-r-mitchell/>

Tearoom dishes draw on fresh produce from West Winds garden



If you missed our Celebration of Herbs festival recently, then do come and have a look round the vegetable garden at West Winds. We are growing around **30 different herbs** for use in salads, casseroles and even herbal teas and our **salad vegetables** will increasingly be coming from the greenhouse over the coming weeks. You can't get food much fresher than that.

The picture shows Rosso lettuce on the left with some Swiss chard. We use the chard with some rosemary, sage and thyme to make quiche for the menu.

Lynn is also currently making some **blackcurrant pies** using West Winds fruit and these will be available shortly. Other things going well in the garden at the moment are broad beans, turnips, strawberries, spinach, peas, potatoes, rhubarb, apples, radishes, cucumbers and beetroot. Some of these will no doubt be finding their way into the tearoom in due course.

Mind you, we're not gardening experts. Some of the things we plant don't do well at all – but we tend to hide these well out of the way...

Tea, scones and cakes for two at West Winds



In a true display of summer generosity, we have another **deliciously scrumptious prize** to hand out to a lucky and hopefully hungry reader. All you have to do to win is answer the following question...

By what name was the vet Alf White (see left) better known?

The first correct answer pulled out of the bag will **win scones, cakes and tea at West Winds** for up to two people during our upcoming Yorkshire Dialect Fortnight. It's a fantabuyummy prize worth as much as £12! Bring a friend – or just come on your own if you want to guzzle the whole lot yourself!

To enter, send your answer to lynn@westwindsinyorkshire.co.uk or to West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms, Buckden, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 5JA to arrive by high noon on **Friday 22 July 2011**.

Terms and conditions

1. Only one entry can be accepted per person or per e-mail or postal address.
2. Staff at West Winds are not allowed to enter.
3. The prize will be allocated on Friday 22 July 2011.
4. The winner will be chosen at random from all correct answers received by the closing time.
5. The winner will be notified by e-mail, phone or post on Friday 22 July 2011.
6. The prize must be claimed in person between Saturday 30 July and Sunday 14 August 2011 and there are no cash or other alternatives.
7. The winner's name will be available on application after Friday 22 July 2011.
8. The judges' decision is final and no discussion, arguments or fights will be entered into.
9. If no-one enters the correct answer, we will simply eat the prize ourselves.



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